



To rescue, rehabilitate and re-home needy dogs everywhere.

We are a volunteer based organization. We receive NO salaries. All monies received go towards the rescue and care of the dogs.

No Place Like Home!

One of the worst fears for any pet owner is that your fur-child will get away from you and become lost. Thankfully, this happens infrequently but when it does, if swift action is not taken immediately, it can cost you your beloved pet's life. Unfortunately, this was the case for a dog we rescued and adopted out several months ago when she got away from the owner's pet sitter while the owner was out of town for work. Sadly, Macy was found 10 days after her flight, lying by the side of the road, the apparent victim of a vehicle collision.

We know tragedies such as this are bound to occur from time to time but we would like to see Macy's death serve as a reminder to all pet owners on what should happen if you should ever experience losing a pet. Swift action, coupled with major neighborhood networking, will increase the odds of having your furry friend back in your arms! The key is to get the information out to as many people and places as you can in the quickest amount of time possible.

Is your beloved pet micro-chipped? If not, check out our Low-Cost Micro-Chip Event being held on Oct. 28th. For a \$20.00 donation, you could have your pet chipped and have the peace of mind that if he/she were to become lost, they will have a better chance at finding their way home to you! (See Upcoming Events for more info).

Give the Gift of Life!

Very soon the holidays will be upon us and what will be the most precious gift you give this year? Will it be a sparkling bracelet of gold and diamonds to your sweetheart? Will it be a new set of golf clubs? Maybe a giant plasma TV that you've had your eye on for these many months? Or, maybe you could give the GIFT OF LIFE!!

Waggin' Tails takes in many special needs dogs on a regular basis because we feel they deserve a chance for a warm, loving home like any other dog. If we were to leave these unhealthy dogs at the shelter, it would be unlikely that they would ever be adopted and they would most certainly end up euthanized. Often, we pull sick dogs from the shelters knowing their medical conditions and will spare no expense to save their life or get them back to a healthy condition. Heartworm, parvo, cancer, and rotting teeth are just some of the issues we have faced in recent months and at a cost of thousands of dollars for just a handful of dogs.

So this holiday season, when you are buying your loved ones that special gift, please consider making a small donation to a rescue group. Not only will your donation be tax deductible but you will have the knowledge that you helped save a needy life! What a wonderful present that would be to yourself!



Annabelle, a very loving and sweet, 6 month old lab/sharpei mix, was thrown out of a moving vehicle. Malnourished & severely neglected, she came to us with NO fur. Annabelle suffers from a non-contagious form of mange. While already on the mend, she is just one example of the many needy dogs we take in monthly.



Macy, a former Waggin' Tails rescue dog, sadly became the victim of a vehicle collision after becoming lost. Don't let this happen to your pet!

Finding Your Pet

ID Tags – Make sure ALL of your pets, whether indoor only or not, have ID's on with your name and current phone number! If found, the person or agency will have the ability to let you know right away your beloved pet is in safe hands. If your pet is micro-chipped, keep in mind that microchips are only as good as the information provided to the chip's company. If you've moved or changed your phone number since registering your pet's chip, make sure you get with the chip company to update your information.

Who To Call - Your first calls should be to all the animal control agencies, shelters (both municipal and private) and rescue groups in your area; one of them could have your pet in custody already. Check in with the bigger shelters daily—and pay your visits in person, if possible. If there are no shelters close to your home, contact the police. **NOTE: If you adopted your dog through a local rescue group, contact them immediately. Once Macy's disappearance was reported to Waggin' Tails (5 days after becoming lost), we had half dozen volunteers combing the area daily up until she was found (5 days later) but we lost valuable time because we were not immediately notified. Swifter action might have prevented Macy from traveling as far as she did before becoming a sad statistic.**

Lost Pet Flyer –

- Utilize a bold headline like: "LOST DOG" or "MISSING CAT"
- **Offer a reward!** People who might not normally take notice will be motivated to report your lost pet if they think they will receive a monetary reward.
- Be sure to include your name and 2 phone numbers
- Post flyers at dog runs and parks; pet stores; groomers; veterinary offices & other various commercial establishments

Hit the 'Net' - Network by sending descriptive emails about your lost pet to friends, colleagues and family members asking them to pass on the info to anyone they can. Post messages to animal forums and message boards run by groups based in your area.

Don't Give Up! - This one's important! And remember that many lost animals have found their way back home.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 13, 2007
DECEMBER 15, 2007
SATURDAYS
 12:30 PM

Texas Hold' Em
Charity Tournaments
 The Sports Venue
 6327 Middlebelt Road
 Garden City, MI

Hey Ya'll!!! Do you have what it takes to be #1? Find out by moseying on over to the Sports Venue Bar/Grill in Garden City. \$50 gets you into the game and the top prize is \$800 (or more if enough players sign up). Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Game play begins at 2:00 p.m.

October 13, 2007 – Gaming License #M38166
 December 1, 2007 – Gaming License #M37408

OCTOBER 28, 2007
SUNDAY
 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Low Cost Micro-Chip Clinic
 Dunk-N-Dogs
 27911 Five Mile Road
 Livonia, Michigan 48154

Every year, thousands of dogs/cats become lost and end up in shelters. How many could have been saved had they only had a microchip that could have been scanned, alerting the shelter workers to where they came from? Don't let that happen to your pet!! For \$20, have them micro-chipped and have the knowledge that if they become lost, they will have a better chance finding their way home to you!

NOVEMBER 24, 2007
SATURDAY
 9:00 p.m. (sign-in)
 9:30 p.m. (bowling begins)

Cosmic Bowling
 Superbowl– Ford Road
 Canton, MI

Join Waggin' Tails for an evening of Cosmic Bowling!! For just \$20, you get 3 games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza. Prizes for highest male/female game, 50/50 raffle and prize raffle to be held. All proceeds to benefit Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue. Please call 248.788.7050 if you would like to join us for this great event. Walk-Ins are most welcome as well.

DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2007
SATURDAY / SUNDAY
 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Santa PAWS Pictures
 Petsmart (Ford Road)
 Canton, MI

Bring your furry friend up to the Canton Petsmart to have his/her picture taken with Santa Paws! This year, pictures will be digital 4x6 instead of polaroids and you will receive a special holiday frame, all for the low price of \$8.95. Best of all, Waggin' Tails will receive \$5.00 for every picture sold!

October - Adopt A Shelter Dog!

October is officially **ADOPT A SHELTER DOG** month! Most small rescue groups like Waggin' Tails, pull dogs/cats from local shelters so they will not have to be euthanized and to give the animals left at the shelter more time so they can hopefully be adopted. This year alone, Waggin Tails has pulled over 70 dogs/puppies from local shelters for that very reason. So even if you have adopted through a rescue, it is likely you adopted a shelter dog without even knowing it!

A few fast facts about pet over-population in the United States and why all pets should be adopted rather than purchased!

- It is impossible to determine how many stray dogs and cats live in the United States; estimates for cats alone range up to 70 million.
- Most strays are lost pets who were not kept properly indoors or provided with ID.
- Only 10% of the animals received by shelters have been spayed or neutered. About 75% of owned pets are neutered.
- 50% Of dogs in shelters and 70% of cats are destroyed simply because there is no one to adopt them. In some communities those numbers are considerably higher.



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Organizations such as ours depend 100% on the generosity of others & we would like to thank the following individuals and for their very kind and generous support!

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Without the help of the following businesses, Waggin' Tails could not operate. These businesses help support our group by offering discounts which then allows us to afford to save more animals. Please consider one of these businesses if you are in search of a new vet, daycare facility, groomer or kennel. Rest assured, your animals will be well cared for!



- K-9 Cuts – Shelby Township
- Dunk-n-Dogs – Livonia
- Tall Oaks Kennel – Whitmore Lake
- Currey's Family Pet Care – Romulus
- Common Scents - Ortonville
- Birmingham Trick Dog Daycare/Boarding - Birmingham
- 4-Legged Friends Dog Daycare – Livonia
- Gone to the Dogs Daycare – Novi
- Country Ridge Animal Clinic – Farmington Hills
- Green Oak Veterinary Clinic – Whitmore Lake
- Griffith Veterinary Services – Whitmore Lake
- Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic – Milford
- Home Health Care for Pets – Whitmore Lake
- Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic - Novi
- North Gratiot Veterinary Clinic – Chesterfield Twp
- Roose Animal Hospital – Plymouth.
- VCA – Allen Park
- Veterinary Emergency Services – Plymouth
- Village Animal Clinic – Farmington
- Petco – Novi / Farmington Hills
- The Petco Foundation - USA
- Petsmart – Canton
- Automatic Apartment Laundries – Livonia
- Busch's Market – Livonia
- C&L Design – Novi
- Community Financial - Plymouth

And They Lived Happily Ever After

See some of the dogs that have recently found their forever homes through Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue!

Jasper



Lab/Jack Russel Puppies (5 Pups)
Rescued from Shelter
Adopted August 2007

Male - Rhodesian Ridgeback Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted August 2007

Romeo



Bingo

Male German Shepherd Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted August 2007

Female Husky Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted August 2007

Shiloh



Indy



Male Shepherd Mix
Owner Surrender
Adopted August 2007

Male Chocolate Lab
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted September 2007



Lyder



St. Bernard Mix Pups (5 pups)
Owner Surrender
Adopted August 2007

Female Basset Hound Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted August 2007



Lucky



Male Schipperke Mix
Found as Stray
Adopted August 2007

Hershey

Female Irish Wolfhound Mix
Rescued from Hoarder
Adopted August 2007



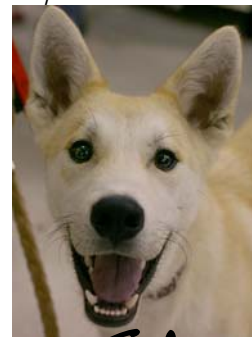
Leba



Female Lab/Pit bull Mix
Owner Surrender (mother of St. Bernard pups) - Adopted September 2007

Lizzy

Male Husky Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted September 2007



Lillie

Male St. Bernard
Owner Surrender (father of St. Bernard pups) - Adopted September 2007



Lico

Male Black & Tan Coonhound
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted September 2007

Ernie



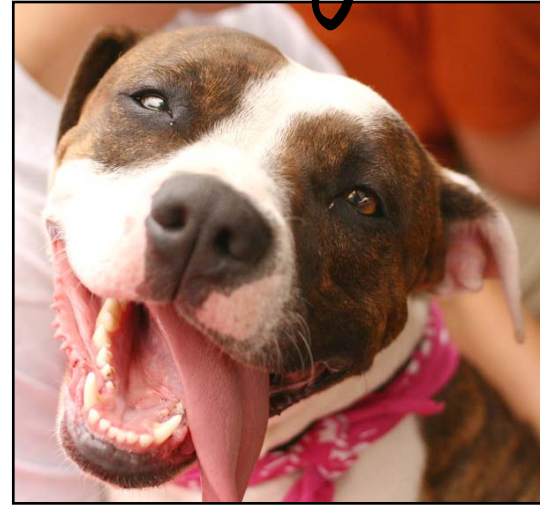
Tucker

33 Dogs/pups were adopted out in August/September!

Happy Tails To You ...

Abby

See how your donations have resulted in a rescue success and a VERY HAPPY ending!



Abby, an APBT with a wonderful loving temperament, was recently adopted through Waggin' Tails!

Pit bulls! Just the word alone is enough to strike fear in the general public. But that word does not have the same affect on those of us in rescue. That is because anyone truly familiar with the breed (actually known as the American Pit Bull Terrier or APBT) will know they are not the monsters they are made out to be in the press. The dogs that you read about in the papers or see on news shows were brought into this world by individuals who have no business owning a fish, let alone a dog of such strength and intelligence. The actions of a few ignorant people along with a press ready to sensationalize any story that will bring in readers, are helping to destroy the reputation of a beautiful and wonderful breed of dog.

While there are some pit bulls which become dog aggressive once they achieve sexual maturity, it is NOT in their genetic nature to be aggressive towards humans. Those that have owned or rescued a pit bull will tell you from experience that they are highly intelligent, strong, courageous and indifferent to pain. Even more importantly, they are known to be an overly affectionate, eager to please, an all around family dog! They are the "clowns" of the dog world, tolerate the rough play of children and will do anything for affection from humans. Because they are so affectionate towards humans naturally, most would be surprised to learn that they do not make good property guard dogs.

The American Canine Temperament Testing Association, which sponsors tests for temperament titles for dogs, reported that 95% of all APBTs that take the test pass, compared with a 77% passing rate for all breeds on average. The APBT's passing rate was the fourth highest of all the breeds tested.

Thankfully, there are those out there that recognize the wonderful qualities of this breed and will go out of their way to adopt one from a shelter or rescue, like Abby's new owner, Tamara, of Brighton.

Abby came to Waggin Tails Dog Rescue via a shelter that is known to sell to research. When we heard that Abby would suffer this fate since no one had come to adopt her in the time allowed, we decided we could not let that happen and took her into our rescue. Just a few short months later, she had found her forever home with her new family which includes a pit bull brother, Lucky – another rescued APBT. Now Abby is living out her life as every dog should – a beloved and central part of a family!

Our Collars Off To ...



Abby with her new mom, Tamara.

Waggin' Tails is very lucky to have the support of some wonderful people who have gone out of their way to help drum up funds for our group and for that, we would offer our most sincere thanks for their hard work and tireless efforts!

Monique Blake (sister to volunteer **Ginette Weilnau**), was kind enough to host Waggin' Tails 1st Annual Yard Sale and because of her extensive hard work in the heat and humidity (along with many of our WT volunteers), we raised over \$2300. We could only say WOW!!! Great job ladies.

Robin Kristy, Guest Relations Rep from Busch's Market in Livonia, coordinated an adoption event / fundraiser back in August. Robin not only managed to get the event promoted on Fox News, where our own volunteers Sandy Patton and Tammy Gaines appeared on live TV but she got Busch's on board with donating monies earned from selling hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks on the day of the event. At the end of the day, Waggin' Tails went home with \$600.



Phil & Laure Kitkowski of Novi hold an annual Oktoberfest party where party attendees are encourage to make a donation to Waggin' Tails. This year, they raised \$650 for our group. We would like to thank them for their kindness, their friends and family for supporting our cause and for Phil's very EXCELLENT selection of beers!

Tamara Robbins from Village Animal Clinic pulled together an adoption event on 9/29 which was a big success financially and we even found some new homes for a few of our dogs. Her efforts earned Waggin' Tails \$400.



Abby and Lucky, two loving and well socialized pit bulls that have found someone willing to give them the chance they so deserve!